

CLASSIFICATION ABBREVIATIONS and GROUP DOLLAR LIMITATIONS

All licenses display 2-letter classifications followed by a number. The number indicates the licensee's dollar limit per job, i.e. **BD3** = Building work up to \$1,000,000 per job/bid; **EL4** = Electrical work up to \$400,000 per job/bid.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR classifications	MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR classifications
Asphalt Paving ²AP	Air Conditioning ⁵AC
Boiler InstallationBL	ElectricalEL
Boring & Tunneling (no technical exam)BT	Heating ⁶HT
Bridges ²BR	Lightning ProtectionLP
Building (BD, LB, UB) ¹BD	Packaged EquipmentPK
ConcreteCT	PlumbingPB
Concrete Paving ²CP	Pressure and Process Piping ⁷1P/2P
Glass & GlazingGG	RefrigerationRG
Grading ²GD	
Highway ²HY	
Highway Incidental (no technical exam)HI	
Nonstructural Renovation (no technical exam)NR	
MarineMR	
Masonry (no technical exam)MS	
Miscellaneous Metals (no technical exam)MM	
PipelinesPL	
Pre-Engineered Metal BuildingsMB	
Public Electrical Utility ³1U/2U	
Railroad (no technical exam)RR	
RoofingRF	
Structural Framing ⁴SF	
Swimming PoolsSP	
Water & Sewer LinesWL	
Water & Sewer PlantsWP	
Wood Frame StructuresWF	

(Classifications with "no technical exam" still require passing the S.C. Business Management & Law for Commercial Contractors exam)

- Building (BD/LB/UB)** includes GR, IR, MB, MS, SS, and WF.
"LB" - Limited Building exam passed. **Limited to 3 stories in height.** Can only apply for Group #1, #2, or #3 below.
"UB" - Unlimited Building exam passed. Not limited in building/story height.
- Asphalt Paving (AP)** includes GD. **Bridges (BR)** includes BT, CT, MR, and RR. **Concrete Paving (CP)** includes GD. **Grading (GD)** includes HI. If you have AP, CP, BR, GD, and HI, you are given the **Highway (HY)** classification.
- Public Electrical Utility (1U/2U):**
"1U" - exam passed prior to 4/1/1999 - licensee **can** engage in **stadium lighting** work.
"2U" - exam passed after 4/1/1999 - licensee **cannot** engage in **stadium lighting** work.
- Structural Framing (SF)** includes SS.
- Air Conditioning (AC)** includes PK and RG.
- Heating (HT)** licensees **can** engage in **boiler** work. See [October 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, page 5](#)
- Pressure and Process Piping (1P/2P):**
"1P" - exam passed prior to 4/1/1999 - licensee **can** engage in **boiler** work.
"2P" - exam passed after 4/1/1999 - licensee **cannot** engage in **boiler** work.

For each "Classification Definition", see the [S.C. Code of Laws for Contractors](#), SECTION 40-11-410.

GROUP LIMITATIONS, WORKING CAPITAL, NET WORTH and SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS									
GENERAL CONTRACTORS					MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS				
Group#	Bid & Job \$ Limitation	Working Capital	Net Worth (Total Equity)	Surety Bond Amount	Group #	Bid & Job \$ Limitation	Working Capital	Net Worth (Total Equity)	Surety Bond Amount
Group #1	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	Group #1	\$35,000	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$7,000
Group #2	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	Group #2	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Group #3	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	Group #3	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Group #4	\$3,000,000	\$175,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	Group #4	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Group #5	\$Unlimited	\$250,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	Group #5	\$Unlimited	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Working Capital = Current Assets - Current Liabilities *** Net Worth = Total Assets - Total Liabilities									